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Dixie Tighe Very Ill

Tokyo, Dec. 28.
Dixie Tighe, veteran war correspondent of the "New York Post," was in "poor" condition in the 49th General Hospital today, after suffering brain hemorrhage. Tighe was taken to the hospital today for examination when suffering from a cold was stricken while being examined. She has been unconscious for the past 24 hours. The hospital said her condition was "serious-poor." Diagnosis was intra-cranial hemorrhage in the region of the brain. It was explained that this is usually caused by long periods of work under high pressure, which results in blood pressure. Miss Tighe had been working under a great strain for the last five years on the world's battlefronts and since the surrender, had moved from one to another of the Pacific occupation areas constantly.—Associated Press.

Daughter Coerced With Sword

London, Dec. 28.
A Western Desert veteran who returned to India, took his 16-year-old daughter to hotels to "teach her married life," and subsequently came back to England, appeared at Winchester Assizes on a grave charge. John Adolphus Sullivan, aged 40, motor-driver, of no fixed address, pleaded guilty to an offence at C. v. Hants, against Patricia Joan Symes Sullivan, who is now 19. He was sentenced to five years' imprisonment. Mr. Jeremy Hutchinson, prosecuting, said the girl was completely dominated by her father. Sullivan went to India many years ago and married an Anglo-Indian woman, from whom he was now separated.

"Man And Wife"

Last year father and daughter came to England and went to Carlisle, where they shared a room at a hotel. From there they went to Ireland, where they lived as man and wife. They returned to England, where they set up in married quarters in October last year. It seemed, counsel went on, that the girl was coerced by threats. The father was very jealous, and once threatened her with a sword. Eventually the girl became pregnant. At first Sullivan denied everything, but later went to the police and confessed. Det. William Rowe said that Sullivan had served in the Indian Police and in the Army, where his character was said to be "exemplary."

Chaos In India Soon?

New Delhi, Dec. 28.
The possibility of a breakdown in the Indian interim government within the next six months was seen by Jajprakash Narain, the Congress Socialist leader, during the course of a press conference here today. "Such a breakdown," he said, might precipitate a revolutionary struggle against the British on the basis of the constitution to be framed by the Constituent Assembly. "Whether the present situation in the country requires an active struggle or not, I definitely think

ANOTHER AIR DISASTER

Plane Crashes Near Shannon Airport

AT LEAST 11 KILLED

London, Dec. 28.
A Constellation airliner of the Trans-World Airlines crashed this morning when nearing Shannon airport, Ireland. TWA officials announced shortly after noon that according to telephonic reports from Shannon that there were six known survivors among the crew and five known survivors among the passengers, including two children aboard. Known dead members of the crew were: Navigator Robert Osterburg, Flight Engineer Walter McBride and Radio Officer Herbert Burmeis. The six survivors among the crew were Radio Officer Dudley Hill, Flight Superintendent William Teale, Flight Service Officer Joseph Logan, Pilot Herbert Tansel, Flight Officer Clifford Sparrow and Hostess Zina Ferguson.

The five passengers definitely known to have survived were: Charles Bruce Delaby, Edith Augustine Delaby, Davis, Tanenbaum, Jean Claude, Zolman, and Gunther N. Lubzinski.

TWA officials said passenger and crew survivors were those already hospitalised and that there were probably additional survivors.

The hostess, Miss Ferguson, said the crash occurred without warning as the plane approached the airport for landing.

She said she had asked the passengers to tighten their safety belts for an ordinary landing when the plane crashed onto a small island, two or three hundred yards from the shore.

The hostess and a five-month-old baby travelling with her 22-year-old mother were the only survivors brought to the airport.

The injured survivors were carried with difficulty in flat boats across the river and marshes to Army and civilian ambulances summoned to the scene.

Except for the three brought to the airport the others were taken to St. John's Hospital in Limerick and to Barrington's Hospital.

Squads of stretcher bearers carried the bodies and survivors from the boats to the ambulances.

Explosion

The cause of the crash still was not known. A tremendous explosion occurred just as the aircraft hit the ground, witnesses said. The plane took fire immediately and quickly burned out. Inspectors from the Department of Industry and Commerce were to leave Dublin by plane this afternoon to hold an inquiry on the spot.

Dr. James O'Boyle told the United Press: "When we arrived at the scene of the crash, we found the plane completely disintegrated and the dead and injured scattered in all directions over a forest of 50 yards. The hostess and a baby were the only unharmed persons but the baby is suffering from cold."

"One woman died a half hour after receiving treatment. The hostess behaved marvelously and rendered wonderful assistance."

The Doctor deplored the loss of two survivors. The rescue was completed at 8 a.m.—United Press.

Eleven people were reported killed and more may die as a result of the crash.

Sixth Xmas Crash

It was the sixth world air disaster in Christmas week, bringing the total death toll to more than 130, but it was the first fatal crash at Shannon since the airport opened 18 months ago.

Nearly ten hours after the disaster, the Trans-World Airlines operators issued an official statement in London, saying: "Thus far it is known that 12 people have survived of the 23 persons on board. Rescue work is continuing and additional survivors are probable." The majority on board were French and Americans.

Rescue workers took two hours to cross the one and a half miles of "unbelievable mud" between the airport and a small island in the Fergus River, where the plane crashed on its way in from Paris.

Serious Condition

Most of the 12 people they have so far dug out were in a serious condition and one is said to be already dead.

Among those expected to live is a four and a half months old baby, Charles Delaby, who was dragged out covered in mud with his face burned and with a broken thigh.

His mother, 20-year-old Edith Delaby who was on her way to New York to join her G.I. husband was also badly burned and had injuries to her lower limbs.

Her last words before losing consciousness were to ask after her infant son.—Reuter.

shooting, which continued for ten or twelve minutes. Then witnesses heard a voice shouting: "Come out of the jungle. We have killed the Britishers!"

He recognised the voice as that of Gulam Quadri, who served in the same detachment as himself, the witness said.

The Indian soldiers have pleaded not guilty of murdering officer, Captain Williams, and four British non-commissioned officers, who were murdered that day.

The trial, which was adjourned until Monday, is expected to last three weeks.

FATAL FALL

London, Dec. 28.
Twenty-six-year-old Mrs. Molly Hill, who was married only 12 weeks ago, plunged 100 feet to death from a block of flats in Albany Street, Regent's Park on Friday. Mr. and Mrs. Hill, who were married by licence in Scotland, lived on the fourth floor. Only a few minutes before her death, Mrs. Hill was saying "Goodbye" to her husband's cousin, Miss Tony Shazby, who is returning to Australia.—Reuter.

DE GAULLE ISSUES A STATEMENT

Paris, Dec. 28.
General Charles de Gaulle announced today that he could not accept a candidacy for Presidency of the French Republic under the new Constitution which, he said, would force him to preside without powers over a powerless regime.

De Gaulle, in a brief prepared statement to the press, explained he was making this statement in answer to repeated questions and references regarding the eventuality of his candidacy for Presidency. He said he was surprised that such questions should be asked.

"Through duty to France and through respect for the Republic I have made known at the appropriate time that in my opinion the exclusive regime of parties such as exists among our people such as they are cannot solve the very grave interior, imperial and external problems on which depend our very life."

"Thus I do not believe in all conscience that I could well serve the country in aspiring to become guarantor of a Constitution which consecrates this regime and preside in a state of impotency over the impotency of the state," said the General.

"Common Interest"
He added that his conviction was that the men whose task will be to lead the French Republic towards health and renovation "cannot succeed unless our national institutions dominating our divisions, organise the state for the service of a sole, common interest."

General de Gaulle figured prominently in speculations for the post of President of the Republic, the election of whom will be held in January. Since quitting the provisional Premiership almost a year ago he has been living quietly at his country home in Colombes—Deux Eglises.

He has emerged from the background on several occasions to issue blasting criticisms of the new Constitution, which he has repeatedly claimed does not provide for a strong enough executive and which he charged would lead to "impotency and anarchy."

United Press.

CNRRA Officers' Strike Threat

Shanghai, Dec. 28.
More than 130 non-Chinese officers of the China National Relief and Rehabilitation Administration's water transport section today threatened to strike at noon on January 2 unless they are paid in U.S. dollars or the equivalent in Chinese dollars according to the open Shanghai market instead of the official rate.

The strike would tie up more than 80 vessels—LSTs and tugs—which are moving the bulk of CNRRA relief supplies inland from Shanghai.

The strikers include Americans, Australians and other nationals.

Chinese crew officers are not involved since they pay, varying according to the official cost of living indices prevailing in some Chinese dollars, than the foreign officers who are paid in U.S. dollars or equivalent to their U.S. dollars on round sterling salaries at the maximum spot official rate of CN\$3.515 or CN\$3.717 to the U.S. dollar which the over market is quoted at over CN\$6.000.

"Empty Promises"
In a letter addressed to Major General Glen E. Edgerton, chief of the UNRRA office in China, the CWT officers also asked that they be allowed to remit any amount of their salaries home and for a review of their rights for repatriation upon discharge from the services. The letter also attacked the "empty promises" from CNRRA for better treatment and pointed out the soaring living cost in China.

The strike threat came as Major General Clarence Chennault, former Flying Tiger commander and head of the 14th Air Force, awaited delivery of a plane to start the CNRRA air transport service to transport by air urgent relief supplies to the interior.—United Press.

Singapore, Dec. 28.
Sir Angus Gillan, head of the Empire Division of the British Council, leaves for India tomorrow where he has been asked to assist in getting the British delegates to the Science Congress, opening in New Delhi in January. The Council plans to take a party of five, including representatives of Singapore, the Malayan Union and Kuching on a visit to England to study life there, said Sir Angus.—Reuter.

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Road Ambushes In Indo-China

Paris, Dec. 28.
The colonial revolt has spread to Southern Indo-China, taking a toll of 24 civilians, the French News Agency reported. Both sides took an increasingly uncompromising stand in the nine day fight of the Viet Name. The French imposed a state of siege at Saigon, reports said.

The French press agency said a series of Christmas night highway attacks in the vicinity of Saigon riddled the occupants of three motor cars filled with Annamite, Indian and Chinese civilians, killing 22 persons, including one British Annamite subject.

Another car carrying a group of persons and Annamite children was ambushed and two children killed and four priests seriously injured, the Agency reported.

French military officials interpreted the night attacks on the highways as an effort by the Viet Nam partisans to cut communications throughout Southern Cochinchina—perhaps as a preliminary to all-out assaults similar to those staged in Tonkin.

Passengers in three cars ambushed on the road between Can Tho and Soc Trang included three women and two children, who were injured. The ambush victims were found by French army patrols and brought to Saigon.

The newspaper "France Soir," reporting the state of the siege, said orders for a military alert were given in Cochinchina on Thursday night. All French military leave was cancelled, and the troops restricted to their barracks.

Numerous armed detachments patrolled the streets and closely guarded all roads radiating from the city.

Three grenades exploded in Saigon and a newspaper advocating a union with the Viet Nam Republic was suppressed. While delayed dispatches told of numerous violent clashes on scattered fronts in Tonkin and Annam in the North, Ho Chi Minh, president of the Viet Nam Republic, was disclosed to have made a Christmas broadcast from a secret radio, demanding withdrawal of French troops from all of Indo-China.—Associated Press.

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France Not To Annex The Saar

Paris, Dec. 28.
The French Foreign Office spokesman stated officially today that Prime Minister Leon Blum had carried out to the letter the plans already drawn up by a former Premier, M. Georges Bidault, for placing a customs barrier between the Saar and the remainder of the French zone in Germany.

The spokesman denied officially and most categorically that Bidault had planned outright annexation of the Saar or any other measure than those applied last week.

He described as "absolutely false" the reports from Berlin that the Bidault Government had drawn up a complete annexation plan for the Saar including the issue of postage stamps, organisation of administrative officials to take over public utilities, schools and the police and the issue of French Saarland currency.

The spokesman added: "The measures we took in the Saar last week were drawn up by Bidault. They were communicated in advance to the Council of Foreign Ministers in New York on December 9 by Franco's representative, Couve de Murville at the meeting at which General Lucius D. Clay was present. They were thus known to the other members of the Council well in advance and there was no question of France pulling a one-sided surprise coup."

"The report that it was only on Blum's intervention that an outright annexation project backed by Bidault was halted is completely untrue," United Press.

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Smuts Race Policy Still Stands

Durban, Dec. 27.
The "Natal Mercury" said editorially today that Minister of Interior Clarkson's statement on the Indian minorities was in "answer to Nationalist propaganda" and that no Government separation of races was enforced. Clarkson made the statement in an interview in which he declared the South African policy toward Indians as outlined by General Smuts still stood.

The Minister said: "So far as Indian representation in Parliament is concerned, preliminary steps have already been taken in connection with the compilation of the roll and delimitation of the voting areas."

"It is hoped that the elections to give Indians representation in Parliament will be held towards the end of next year. One thing that must be done is to implement the premises that have been made to provide Indians with amenities to which they are entitled."

The paper commented that Clarkson's statement "should dispose of any fear that on the Indian question the United Party will not stand firm."

Separation Necessary
"There has to be separation of races in a country such as this," continued the editorial.

"No Government which advocated anything else could hope to survive. Talk of ghettos is just so much nonsense. Provided

they are given proper amenities, the Indian Community is much happier living its own life and the same applies to other races."

The newspaper said South Africa will have to make it clear to UNO that the domestic affairs of the country are South Africa's own concern and "out people will not brook any outside interference."—United Press.

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POLISH FUNDS RELEASED

Washington, Dec. 28.
The State Department announces the release of \$23,400,000 from the Bank of Poland and the gold and cash which has been "frozen" in the United States.

The release is part of a deal which also provides for compensation to American owners for industries nationalised by the Polish Government.—Associated Press.

THE WEATHER

A strong anticyclone covers China and the neighbouring seas. A deep depression E. of Honshu is moving NNE. Pressure continues low over the equatorial regions.

Today's Forecast: Light N or NE winds; mainly fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum—59.8 deg. Fah. Minimum—49.8 deg. Fah. Max Rel Humidity—70 per cent. Sunshine—1.4 hours. Rainfall—Nil.

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"Boys'" Petition Flops?

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for society to say."

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WEST END GUN BATTLE Chase Through Crowded Streets

Shots From Fifth Floor Window

WINSTON AGAIN

New York, Dec. 22.—Mr. Winston Churchill, in an article in "Colliers" magazine—the first he has published since 1933—urges the formation of a United States of Europe, of which he writes the people of the Soviet Union could have nothing to fear.

"The fear overhanging Europe," writes Mr. Churchill, "could be ended by a single stroke. The two or three hundred millions of people in Europe have only got to wake up one morning and resolve to be happy and free by becoming one family of nations, hand in hand together from the Atlantic to the Black Sea."—Reuter.

Monty To Visit Russia

London, Dec. 27.—The War Office announced tonight that the Chief of Imperial General Staff, Field Marshal Viscount Montgomery, who is "anxious to acquaint himself with the military life of the Red Army," hopes to visit Moscow early in the New Year.

Generalissimo Stalin issued an invitation to Field Marshal Montgomery at the Potsdam conference to visit Moscow at some future date.

On Oct. 14 the Soviet Military Attaché in London conveyed to Field Marshal Montgomery an invitation from Marshal Vassilievsky, Chief of the Soviet General Staff, to visit Moscow at the end of 1946 or at the beginning of 1947.

The invitation has been accepted.—Reuter.

Hundreds of passers-by today watched a dramatic gun-battle five storeys up above a busy central London street where armed police eventually captured a man wanted for questioning in connection with the Christmas Day killing of a Jamaican airman.

One police officer was shot through the eye before the fugitive, described as a tall fair-haired young man of about 27, was finally overpowered and bundled downstairs into a waiting police van.

This afternoon in the operating room of a neighbouring hospital, an eye specialist will try to save the sight of the wounded constable, Bertie Rowsell, who holds ten commendations of the Metropolitan Police Commissioner, as well as the British Empire Medal in recognition of his war services. He is expected to recover.

The chase began at 10 a.m. today when the police saw the man they wanted to interview about the fatal shooting of the airman, Aloysius Abbott, outside a cafe in New Cavendish Street, in London's West End.

Roof-top Chase

They found him in Bloomsbury Central University district, but on seeing the police he ran away. In the middle of a busy shopping centre, the man fired

a shot. Women screamed. One detective leaped into a passing taxi and another into a police van in an attempt to catch the fleeing gunman. He dived into the doorway of a building and ran upstairs.

The police followed and chased him from roof to roof. By that time the radio cars had called reinforcements to the spot and eventually nearly 100 police were concentrated in the neigh-

Charged With Murder

London, Dec. 28.—Frederick Rowland Westbrook, aged 22, was charged at a London police station last night with the murder of Aloysius Abbott, a Jamaican airman, and will appear before the Magistrate's Court today.—Reuter.

Court Sequel

London, Dec. 28.—A sequel to the dramatic roof-top gun-battle yesterday took place in the London Magistrate's Court today when Frederick Rowland Westbrook, described as a 27-year-old soldier, was charged with the murder of Aloysius Abbott, 21-year-old Jamaican airman, on Christmas Day.

The police gave formal evidence of arrest this morning in a court crowded with spectators, among whom was a Jamaican lawyer who said he represented Abbott's relations. Detective-Inspector Higgins described in official language how he went to Cartwright Gardens, the scene of yesterday's hectic chase and saw Westbrook arrested.

At the back of a fireside chair in the room where the fugitive was taken, the Inspector said he found a 9-millimetre Browning automatic pistol. When he told Westbrook that he was inquiring into Abbott's death, the soldier replied: "I was there, but did not know that I had killed anybody when I shot."

Westbrook was remanded in custody until January 11.—Reuter.

Ice-Breakers' Big Job

Hamburg, Dec. 27.—

Ice-breakers are struggling day and night to keep the river Elbe flowing from the borders of Bohemia to the North Sea—open to navigation in one of Germany's worst winter freeze-ups in 20 years, the British News Service in Germany reported tonight.

Ice-floes are drifting down the lower reaches into the North Sea, while the upper course is frozen hard.

The ice-breakers are mainly engaged in preventing the piling up of ice, which would result in a large-scale flooding and breaching of the dykes as occurred in the winter of 1939.—Reuter.

POPE RECEIVES ENVOYS

London, Dec. 27.—Vatican radio reports the Pope received today in private audience the Ambassadors of France, Spain, Belgium, Italy, Colombia, Brazil, Ecuador, San Domingo, Chile, and Peru, who conveyed their Christmas wishes and New Year greetings.—Reuter.

HOWARD HUGHES' LITTLE WAR

Washington, Dec. 27.—

The authoritative "American Aviation" daily reports that the millionaire aviator, Howard Hughes, has requested the resignation of all officers and directors of Transcontinental and Western Airlines.

The paper said the widening rift between Mr. Hughes, who owns 46 per cent of the Airlines stock, and the president, Mr. Jack Frye, was "behind the financial crisis in TWA".—United Press.

The "Next War"

If another war comes, LeMay said, the United States will be the first attacked and hostilities will start "with bombs and guided missiles falling on the United States."

He said research and air power must be maintained at a maximum condition during peacetime, since there will be no time to prepare and tool up industry for war production.



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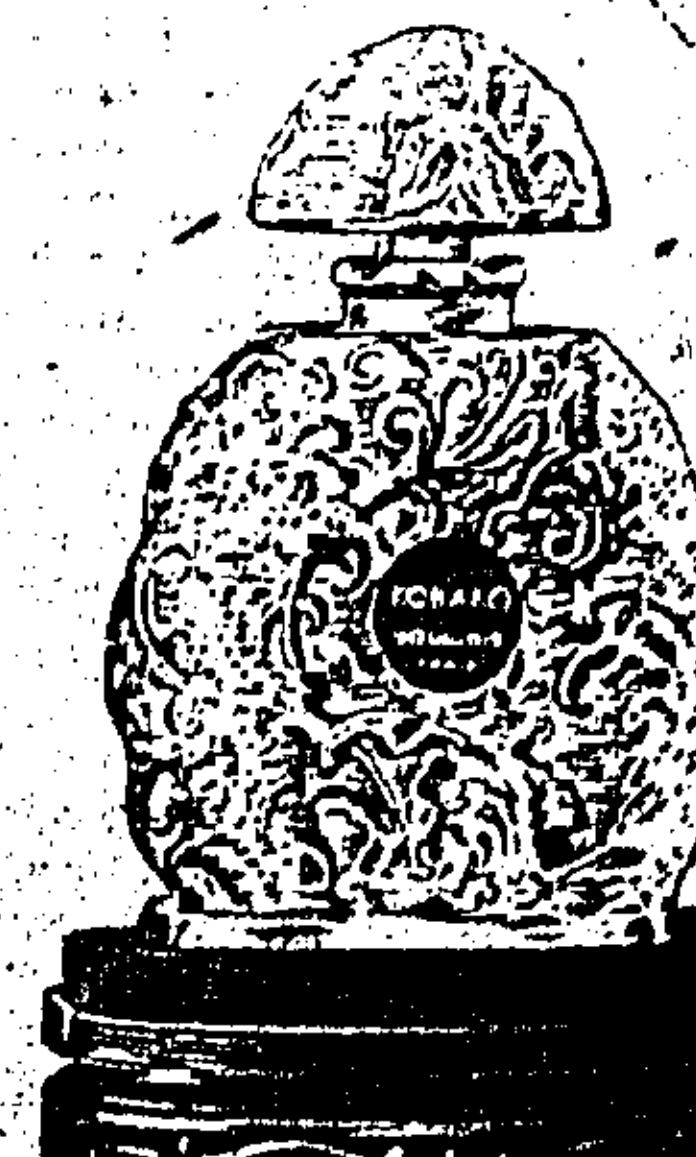
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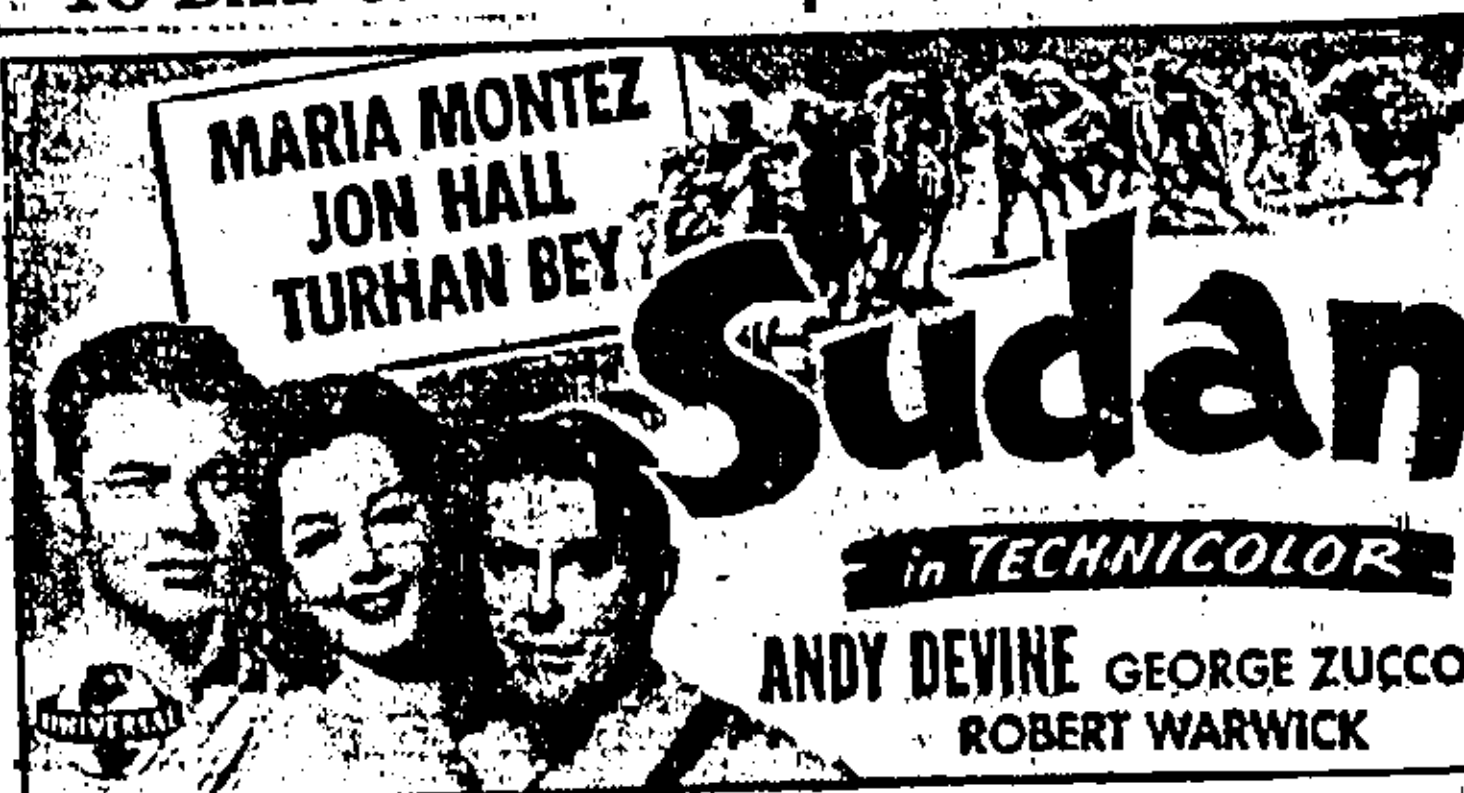
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NEW WEAPONS

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 28.
The Chrysler Corporation discloses that it recently delivered to the United States Army's Ordnance Department a number of mammoth tanks and large mobile guns, which included a "battle-wagon" designed to carry a 10-inch howitzer with a barrel 27 feet long which could shoot a 360-lb. shell 16 miles.—Associated Press.

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As the weary delegates passed their eighth hour of debate Baruch closed his statement

Paramount Film Banned.

Singapore, Dec. 28.
The Malayan Union Government on Saturday banned the Paramount motion picture "Beyond the Blue Horizon" starring Dorothy Lamour, on the ground that the film misrepresented Malaya.

The announcement said that the decision was taken after a panel of nine leading members from various committees saw the picture and decided against its being shown in the Malayan Union.

Singapore audiences saw the film during a week's run in November. No protests were received at Singapore.—Associated Press.

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Germans Not Starving Experts Report

Berlin, Dec. 27.
A committee of British, French and American nutrition experts today reported that starvation is non-existent in the three Western occupation zones. In a 24-page report made after a two-week tour of 13 cities in the three zones the committee admitted "severe undernutrition" despite the recent ration boosts in all the three areas.

Discussing the food and health situation of residents of Western Germany the report said ".... a significantly larger proportion is in an unsatisfactory condition and of these an increasing number show signs of severe undernutrition. Starvation of the population, as the term is generally understood, does not exist."

The report adds that a survey made by nutritional specialists of the three nations since the

Not Enough

Even the recently raised ration scales are not enough to keep the German people healthy since in many cases the official ration figures are not met in reality, the committee reported.

The group reported that "without further supplies than now appear available even these ration issues cannot be continued beyond a relatively short period."

The committee recommended general adoption of the French zone plan of raising the rations for miners' families as having maintained health and boosted coal output.

The British zone method of giving extra food only to miners has not worked out because the men share the food with their families and production is not affected, the report said.—United Press.

War Vets Riot

Rome, Dec. 27.
Italian war veterans, rioting over the Government refusal to meet their demands for a Christmas bonus, attempted to set fire to the Town Hall in Bari today, according to Ansa, the Italian News Agency.

The police opened fire on the rioters, killing one, and wounding 14—four seriously.

The ex-Servicemen demanded a bonus of 3,000 lire. According to Rome newspapers the Bari police asked Rome for reinforcements to deal with the disorders which were reported tonight to be continuing.—Reuter.

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Immigration Snags For Truman

Washington, Dec. 27.
President Truman will make a specific appeal for increased European immigration into the United States in his coming "State of the Union" message to Congress, it was learned authoritatively today.

The proposal, however, will meet with determined opposition in Congress. The Democratic Senator Elmer Thomas, of Oklahoma, disclosed that he would counter President

Truman's move by urging all immigration of any kind be stopped.

"I am against immigration," he declared. "There may be a few exceptions, but as a general principle, I am opposed to it until we get our domestic economy a little more stabilized—and that may take years," he added.

Part of President Truman's message dealing with immigration will be in implementation of the promises contained in the recent statements he made on the Palestine problem.

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It is understood he will attempt to deal specifically with some 800,000 displaced persons in the camps of the American zone in Germany.

The President will urge liberalized American immigration laws on the ground that such a move would set the example for other countries which are able to accommodate refugees permanently inside their borders.—Reuter.



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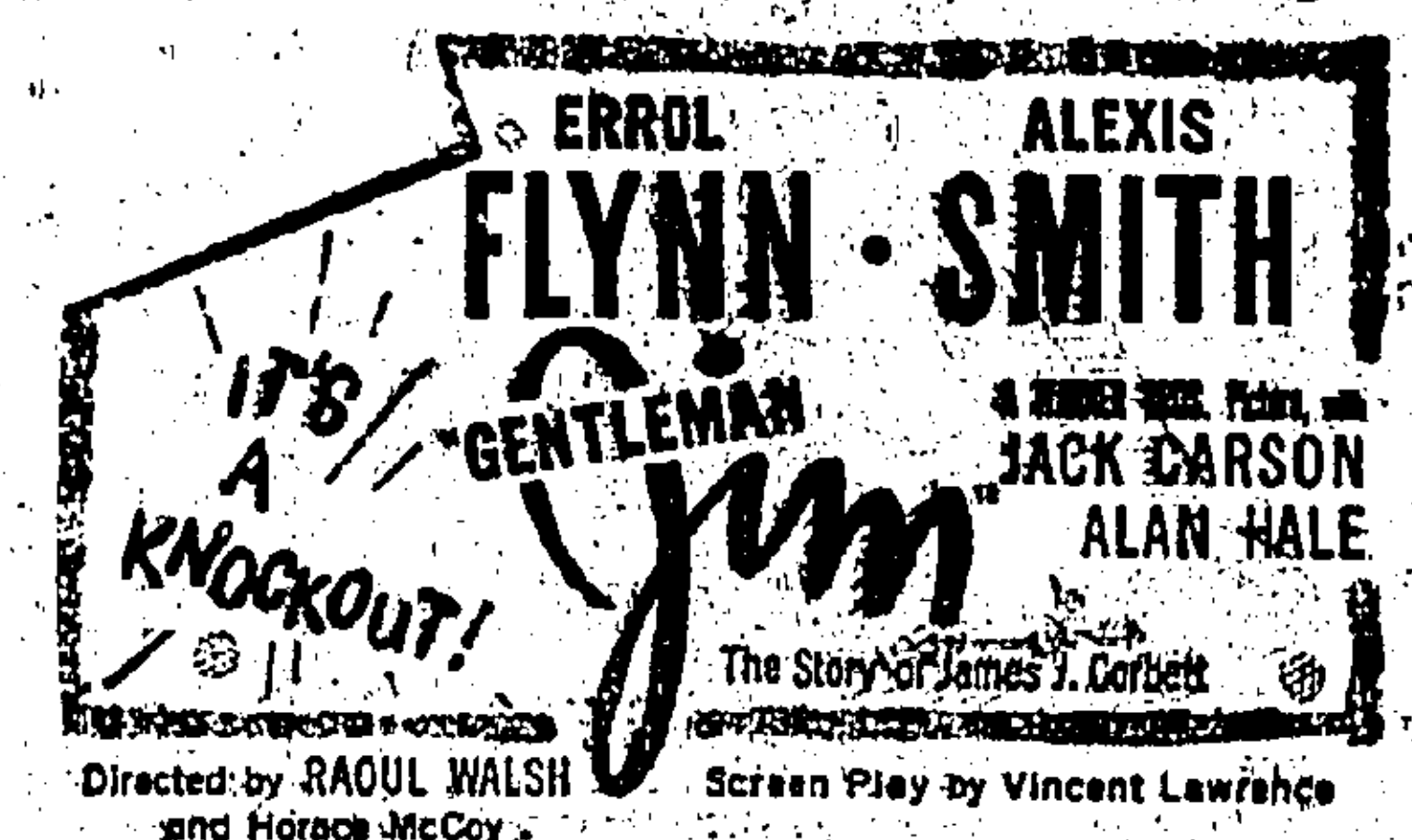
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Amber St. Claire illegitimate daughter of noble blood, who is brought up in a small village by foster-parents. She grows into a ravishing beauty, and in the village one day in the year 1660 she meets—

Bruce, Lord Cecilton, a cavalier, with whom she falls in love. Travelling with Lord Cecilton is the

Earl of Almsbury, who, seeing Amber's obvious infatuation for Bruce, flippantly introduces them at the local inn, where Amber impulsively offers to serve the cavaliers with wine so that she can be near Bruce. Amber persuades Cecilton to take her to London with him. Eventually Cecilton leaves for the Indies to repair the family fortunes lost in the Civil War. Amber is desolate. She finds herself with child and marries a man who eventually disappears with all the money Cecilton had left her.

All alone, Amber gets into debt and is thrown into Newgate Gaol, where she suffers every degradation. In order to ease her lot she gives herself to a notorious highwayman, who plans their escape. The highwayman is eventually hanged. Amber then goes on the stage because she learns that actresses cannot be arrested.

She meets Captain Rex Morgan, a gallant from the Court, who falls madly in love with her. While Amber is his mistress she is summoned by the King and lives with him.

Then Bruce Carlton returns. He and Amber go to see their son, who is being cared for by a foster-mother. Rex Morgan hears of her love affair with Carlton and challenges him to a duel. Rex is killed. Bruce once again sails away.

Amber thinking she is again with child, goes to Tunbridge Wells to take the waters. On the way she meets

Samuel Dangerfield, a 60-year-old wealthy City merchant, and a widower. Learning of his wealth, Amber, although posing as a respectable and virtuous woman, uses all her wiles and charm to get Samuel to marry her. Eventually he succumbs. Samuel takes Amber, barely 20, to Dangerfield House as his wife.

Bruce visits London soon after her marriage and Amber carries on her clandestine love affair with him. She becomes pregnant again, but her husband believes the child is his. Then Dangerfield dies and leaves Amber £66,000.

Amber gives birth to a daughter. With her maid, Nan and other servants, she moves into a fine new building in St. Martin's-lane. Soon afterwards red crosses begin to appear on some doorways. It is the beginning of The Plague.

Amber's arrival in the apartment at St. Martin's-lane created a considerable excitement. A widow as rich as she would have created interest even if she were not also young and lovely.

But her fortune made her suspicious of the motives of any young man. In any case, the courtiers were all out at sea with the fleet. And so she stayed at home absorbed in being a mother for the time being. She was content to wait for Bruce to return. And the plague grew like an incoming tide. At last, to the relief of her maid, Amber prepared to leave London for the country.

One day, however, she heard from Shadrach, Newbold, her goldsmith, that Bruce Carlton might come into port soon. Amber announced her intention of staying in town. She sent off the baby with Nan, her nurse, Taney, and Big John Waterman, who had come from Dangerfield House because of his love for Nan.

Bruce Home

London was emptying rapidly now. But Amber went to the wharves, where one day at length she saw Bruce. She ran along the quays and called him. His face was tired and his skin wet with sweat.

"What the devil are you doing down here?" he asked. "I came to see you, darling," she answered softly. "Aren't you glad?"

He gave a faint smile as though ashamed of his bad temper. "Of course I am," he looked at her figure. "The baby's been born?"

She told him it had and that she had named it Susanna; that Samuel Dangerfield was dead. And then he took her arm and walked her towards her coach. He told her she must leave London and that already some of

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Plague Victim

The last hour before going to meet Bruce she brushed and arranged her hair and painted her face. She was fastening a bracelet when she saw a funeral procession. Torches burned and banners floated. Such were common occurrences now. But Amber went out and down to the wharf to meet her lover.

When they reached her lodging, she ran on upstairs ahead of him, full of trembling excitement. But he was still only half-way up, mounting with slow, heavy steps, strangely and frighteningly unlike him. He's sick. No, he isn't sick. Just tired and hungry. She gave him brandy.

She ran into the bed-chamber, which opened out of the parlour, and while she took off her gown and unpinned her hair she talked to him from the doorway—still hoping that he was not so tired as he seemed, that he would get up and come to her. But he merely sat, watching her and drinking the brandy, saying very little. She stepped out of her dress, untied the bows on her shoes and stripped off her stockings, let her petticoats drop to the floor and bent to pick them up.

"I've got everything you like best for supper: Westphalian-style ham and roast duck and an almond pudding and champagne."

He told her at table, wearily, of his voyages. But at last laid down his fork. "I'm sorry, Amber, but I can't eat. There's no use pretending. I've got the plague. You'll have to go alone, Amber."

"Bruce! Don't say that. If it is the plague I'll take care of you and make you well again."

His face was wet with sweat. His muscles seemed useless. He dropped on to the cushioned couch with a sigh, his eyes already closed. He shuddered frequently. Amber left him and returned from her bedroom with a satin quilt, which she flung over him. She eventually got him moved into the bed-chamber.

There began a vigil that seemed an eternity. Hourly Amber was at his side, bathing his forehead.

The servants had fled and she had to do everything in the apartment.

She began to clean up the room. She picked up her own clothes and put them away, spread his over some chairs to dry, brought a basin to use next time he vomited, and a silver urinal. She did not dare stop working or let herself begin to think.

Once or twice Bruce began to retch and each time she ran to hold the basin and help him sit up, covering his chest with a clean white linen towel, and at last he vomited again. When he tried to get out of bed she forced him back and brought the urinal, and now she saw that there was a tender-looking swelling in his right groin—the beginning of the plague-bell. The last of her hopes died quietly.

The room stank, for all the windows were closed. She was not afraid of the night air herself, but she shared the common belief that it was fatal to a sick man. And she clung superstitiously to the country belief that if there was serious illness in the house death would not come if all doors and windows were kept tight shut and bolted. The smells were thick and heavy. She did not realise how overpowering they had become until she opened the door into the parlour and took a breath of clean air. Then she alighted the fire in the bed-chamber and flung on a handful of dried herbs. She made up the trundle and shoved it back out of sight and then, while he seemed to be somewhat quieter than usual, she took the slop pans and went down to empty them into the courtyard privy and rinse them out. She made two more trips to bring up pails of fresh water.

Going To Die

Bruce had an intense thirst, but though she gave him one glass of water after another

the thirst was not allayed and he soon threw it up. Again and again he vomited, retching with a violence it seemed would tear out his bowels; each time it left him pouring sweat, exhausted and all but unconscious. Amber, who ran to hold the pan and to support him, watched him with horror and pity and a growing rage.

He's going to die, she thought, holding the pan beneath his chin, pushing herself against his back to help him sit upright. He's going to die. I know he is! Oh, this filthy rotten plague! Why did it come? Why did he get it? Why should he be the one—and not somebody else?

He dropped down once more, flat on his back, and suddenly she flung herself across him, her fingers clutching at his arms—the muscles, though useless now, still looked hard and powerful beneath the brown skin. "She began to cry, holding on to him defiantly and with all his strength as though determined she would not give him up to Death. She murmured his name, mingled with curses and endearments, and her sobs grew wilder and more frantic until she was almost hysterical.

Awake Again

She was jerked out of her orgy of self-pity back to reality by Bruce, whose fingers took hold of her hair and pulled her head slowly upward. She looked at him, her face smeared with tears, her eyes oddly slanted as his grip on her hair dragged at her scalp. Sick with shame and remorse she stared at him, wondering desperately what she had been saying—and if he had heard her.

"Amber—"

His tongue had swollen now until it almost filled his mouth, and it was covered with a thick white fur, though the edges were red and shiny. His eyes were dull, but he looked at her with recognition for the first time in many hours, scowling with the agonised effort to seize hold of his thoughts and express them.

"Amber—Why—why—aren't you—gone—"

She looked at him warily, like a trapped animal. "I am, Bruce. I am going. I'm just going now." Her fingers, spread out on the quilt before her, moved backward a little, but she could not stir.

He let go of her hair, gave another deep sigh, and his head rolled over sideways. "God go with you. Go on—while—"

The words slurred off, and he was almost quiet again, though still softly mumbling. Slowly and carefully she moved away from him, genuinely afraid, for she had heard many awful tales of plague-victims gone mad. She was sweating with relief when at last she stood on her feet again and out of his reach. But the tears were gone, and she realised that if she was to be of any use to him she must hold herself in control, do what she could to make him comfortable, and pray that God would not let him die.

With quick resolution she went to work again.

She bathed his face and arms and combed his hair—he had not been wearing a periwig when she had met him at the wharf. His lips were parched and beginning to split from the fever, and she covered them with pomade. She brought fresh towels from the nursery, and gathered all the soiled articles into a great bag, though of course no laundress would take it if it became known that there was plague in the house. And all the while she kept one eye on him, tried to understand him when he muttered something and to anticipate what he wanted so that he would not have to make the effort of reaching or moving himself.

Amber decided she must get a doctor, and next morning, making sure that Bruce was fairly quiet, she dashed out of the house to call one. The doctor was out, but she left a message for him to call at once.

She waited nervously for the doctor. A hundred times she looked out of the window, swearing beneath her breath at his slowness. But it was mid-afternoon before he arrived, and she flew down the stairs to let him in.

"Thank God you've come! Hurry!" Already she was on her way back up again.

He was a tired old man, smoking a pipeful of tobacco, and he started wearily after her. "Hurry! Hurry! Hurry!"

Doctor Calls

She turned and looked at him sharply, angry that he apparently did not consider this patient to be of unusual importance. But, nevertheless, she was relieved to have him there. He could tell her how Bruce was, and what she should do for him. Ordinarily, she shared the popular scepticism regarding doctors, but now she would have believed implicitly the idlest words of any quack or charlatan.

She arrived at the bedside before he did, and stood there, watching him walk slowly into the room, her eyes big and apprehensive. Bruce lay now in a coma, though he was still mumbling and moving restlessly about. Dr. Barton stopped short of the bed by several feet, and he held a handkerchief to his nose. For a moment he looked at Bruce without speaking.

"Well?" demanded Amber. "How is he?" The doctor gave a faint shrug. "Madam, you ask me to answer the impossible. I do not know. Is there a hubb?"

"Yes. It started to rise last night."

We're Helpless

She turned back the quilts so that he could see the lump in Bruce's groin, enlarged now to the size of a half-submerged tennis ball; the skin over it looked stretched and red and shining.

"Does it seem to cause him much pain?"

"I touched it once, by accident, and he gave a terrible yell."

The rising of the plague-bell is the most painful stage of the disease. But unless there is one they seldom live." "Then he will live, doctor? He'll get well?" Her eyes glistened eagerly.

"Madam, I can promise you nothing. I don't know. No one knows. We must simply admit that we don't understand it—we're helpless. Sometimes they die in an hour, sometimes it takes days. Sometimes it's easy, without a convulsion, other times they go in a screaming agony. The strong and healthy are as vulnerable as the frail and weak. What have you been giving him to eat?"

"Nothing. He refuses everything I try to feed him. And he vomits so often it wouldn't do any good."

"Nevertheless, he must eat. Force it down him some way, and feed him often—every three or four hours."

"I'll report the case to the parish and a nurse will be sent to help you. To protect yourself I'd advise you to steep some bayleaves or juniper in vinegar and breathe the fumes several times a day."

He turned and started to go, and Amber, though keeping an eye on Bruce, walked along with him. "And, by the way, Madam, you'd better hide whatever valuables you may have in the house before the nurse arrives."

"Good Lord! What kind of a nurse are you sending?"

"The parish has to take whoever volunteers—we have too few already—and though some of them are honest enough, the

truth of it is that most of them are not." He had reached the ante-room now and just before he started down the stairs he said: "If the plague-spots appear—you may as well send for the sexton to ring the bell. No one can help him after that. I'll stop again tomorrow."

Even as he spoke they heard the bells begin to toll somewhere in the distance, two tenor notes, struck for a woman. "It's the vengeance of God upon us for our sins. Well—good-day, Madam."

Amber went back and set immediately about her new tasks, for, tired as she was, she was glad to have work to do. It helped her to keep from thinking, and each thing that she did for him gave her a sense of satisfaction and accomplishment.

She poured some of the water which she kept hot in the kitchen into several stone bottles, wrapped them in towels and packed them all about him, and she brought out half a dozen more blankets from the nursery. He protested, pushing them down again and again, but each time, patiently, she covered him and went on with what she had been doing.

Unconscious

The sweat began to run off his face in rivers, and the sheets beneath him were soaked and yellow. The fire roared and she heaped it with coals, making the room so hot that, though she took off her petticoat, pushed her sleeves high and opened her gown, the silk clung to her ribs, and there were wet spots beneath her breasts and in her armpits. She pulled her heavy hair up off her neck and skewered it on top of her head, and she mopped at her face and chest with a handkerchief.

She poured the emetic into his mouth and then, without waiting for it to take effect, administered the clyster. This was a difficult and painful process, but Amber was beyond disgust or fastidiousness—she did what was necessary as well as she could, and without thinking about it.

Afterwards she cleaned up the mess it had made, washed her hands, and went out to the kitchen to prepare the mustard plaster and to make a sacposset of hot milk, sugar and spices, and white wine.

He made no protest when she laid the poultice on the boil, and did not seem to know that it was there. Believed—for she had been afraid that it might hurt him—she went back to finish making the posset.

A Shack

She tasted the curried drink, sprinkled on just a bit more cinnamon, and then tasted it again. It was good. She poured it into the double-spouted posset pot and started for the bedroom. At that moment she heard a yell, a strange, terrible sound that sent a quivering chill along her spine. Then there was a thud and a loud crash.

She slammed the pewter pot on to the sideboard and ran toward the bedroom. He was half-crouched on the floor, just getting to his feet—he had apparently fallen as he climbed out of bed, and overturned the table beside it.

"Bruce!" she screamed at him, but he was not conscious of her or what he was doing. Slowly he lunged to his feet and turned to push open the casement window which she had left unlocked. She rushed on toward him, stabbing up a candlestick from a chest of drawers, and just as he put one foot on the recessed sill she grabbed his arm and swung the heavy stick, striking him hard across the base of the skull. Vaguely she realised that there were people below in the street, looking up, and she heard a woman scream.

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CLAIMS TO ANTARCTIC LAND NOT RECOGNISED

Washington, Dec. 27.

The United States did not recognise any territorial claims by any nation in the Antarctic and reserved the right to contest such claims in the future, said Mr. Dean Acheson, Acting U.S. Secretary of State, tonight.

Speaking at a press conference, he added that the U.S. Government had never formally asserted any claims in that area on her own behalf. He denied press reports that the State Department had protested against the British occupation of United States property in Marguerite Bay area of the Antarctic.

Mr. Acheson said the official United States expedition to the Antarctic between 1939 and 1941 established some hutments and left machinery and supplies in Marguerite Bay. Since then the British mission had been permanently stationed there. Recently the United States asked the British to inform them of the condition of this property with a view to its use by the unofficial American expedition to leave next month under the leadership of the Navy Reserve Commander Finn Ronne.

Mr. Acheson stressed that this expedition was not an official one and was not to be confused with Admiral Richard Byrd's U.S. Navy expedition already on the way to the Antarctic. The British reply to the State Department's request for information, while expressing willingness to co-operate with Commander Ronne's expedition, pointed out there was not sufficient room in Marguerite Bay area for two full expeditions, and not sufficient seals there to provide feed for the men and dogs.

He reiterated there was no question of the British being ordered out of the American hutments and said that the British never occupied these buildings or used the machinery and supplies. Reuters Washington Bureau on Monday quoted British Embassy

sources there as saying that the British mission at Marguerite Bay was, "without prejudice to British territorial claims," removing its post to another site some 300 yards away.—Reuter.

HOT SPOT CLOSED

Paris, Dec. 27.

"Bal Tabarin," the night club renowned as the Alcazar for fun seeking tourists, was closed today by order of the Prefect of Police.

The close-down order of the Montmartre cabaret, famed for its girl shows, resulted from an incident which reportedly occurred on Christmas Eve when police inspectors in the course of a round of Paris night-spots to check identification papers of free-spending holidaymakers were prevented from entering.—United Press.

Britain Got Most Lend-Lease

Washington, Dec. 27.

Only the final settlement of agreements with various countries and the delivery of the last of the supplies still in the "pipeline" on VJ-Day remain to complete the United States Lend-Lease aid, President Truman said today.

He was reporting to the Congress on Lend-Lease operations. This United States aid totalled \$12,673,000,000 from the beginning of the programme in March 1941 to September 1946.

On September 30, the final settlement agreement with the recipient countries had been signed with Britain, France, India, Australia, New Zealand, Belgium and Turkey—the countries which had received about 70 per cent of all the Lend-Lease aid.

Negotiations were now in progress with South Africa, Norway, Greece and the Netherlands. The Soviet Union had been invited to open negotiations. Final settlements remained to be discussed with Yugoslavia, Poland, and Czechoslovakia.

The Objective

President Truman pointed out that the objective in the final agreements had been to ensure they should not be a burden on commerce but a promotion of mutually advantageous relations and the betterment of worldwide economic relations.

"I believe that the settle-

ments which have been worked out not only are highly satisfactory to the United States in the financial sense, but also serve the long-range interests of this country by providing one of the foundations of economic stability in the post-war era," he said.

Of all the Lend-Lease aid furnished by the United States to its Allies, the British Empire received more than \$7,500,000,000, or 65 per cent of the total, the Soviet Union more than \$2,800,000,000, or 23 per cent. All the Latin-American countries, except Argentina, received Lend-Lease aid.

Military Supplies

Military supplies accounted for more than 52 per cent of the total; industrial equipment and products 16.5 per cent; foodstuffs and other agricultural products 13.2 per cent and petroleum products 5.4 per cent.

Of the 13 countries which entered into agreements with

Food By Radiation Chemistry

New York, Dec. 28.

A prediction that the world may some day feed its starving by the use of radiation chemistry—the secret of photograph—was made by Charles F. Kettering, head scientist of General Motors, to the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

Radiation chemistry, known also as photosynthesis, Kettering said, makes the earth's present food supply out of carbon dioxide, water and a few minerals.

"We know little of the process now," he declared, "but some day we may be able to reproduce it in the laboratory." Kettering said photography represents nearly all of man's use of this kind of chemistry. In industry radiation principles are in use to only a small extent.

Kettering also proposed that man get his fertilizer from the sea. He said he believed that if necessity demanded the fertilizer, essentials could be obtained from the sea, which already supplies magnesium and bromine and has even yielded a minute quantity of gold.—Associated Press.

Wanted Man In Mountains

Johannesburg, Dec. 27.

A coloured man wanted for two murders was today believed to be watching the police search party hunting for him under a blistering sun high in the mountains near Gudschoor about 200 miles east of Cape town.

Police dogs discovered one of the wanted man's camping spots.

The man is believed to be armed with a stolen rifle, and a quantity of dynamite is stated to have been taken from a hut by him.

He allegedly broke into the hut on Sunday night, shot the coloured couple and abducted their 17 years old daughter who later escaped.—Reuter.

The United States to purchase nearly \$300,000,000-worth of civilian type Lend-Lease goods in the pipeline on VJ-Day, France heads the list with \$100,000,000 worth.—Reuter.

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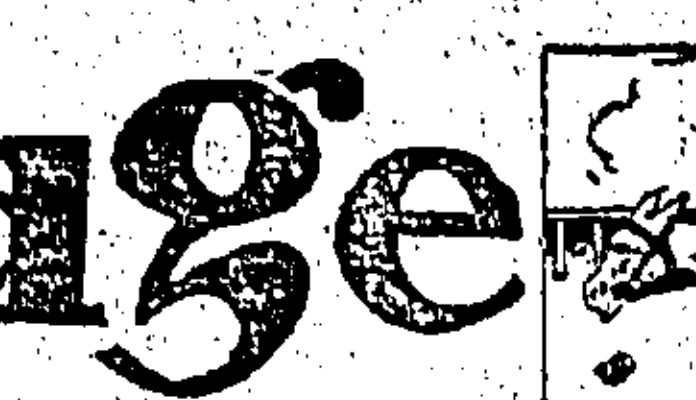
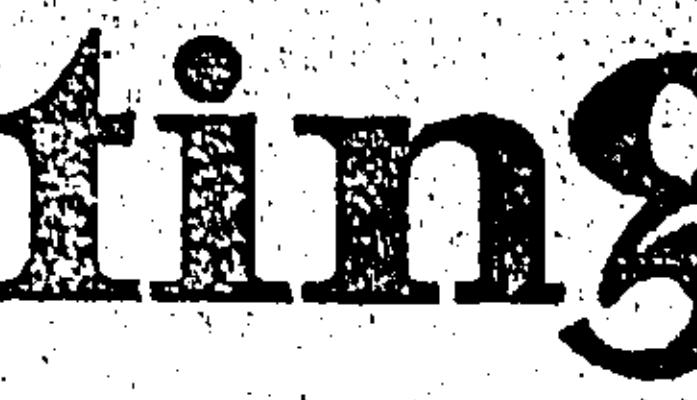
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Sporting Page

HKCC DRAW WITH ARMY

In a two-day friendly cricket match at home, Hong Kong Cricket Club drew with an Army eleven.

The game was opened on Boxing Day and completed yesterday.

ARMY

First Innings

Lt. Phelps, c. and b. Stubbs	28
Sgt. Giddard, b.w., b. Pearce	12
Capt. Cliffe, b. Weller	12
Capt. Gourlay, b.w., b. Bell	36
Capt. Williams, b.w., b. Pearce	5
Col. Cliffe, b.w., b. Bell	0
Lt. Picking, b.w., b. Pearce	6
Maj. Jowers, b. Bardell, b. Hart-Baker	13
Maj. Shawlow, c. Stubbs, b. Pearce	31
Maj. Rowley, not out	12
Sgt. Kennedy, b. Pearce	0
Extras	42
Total	187

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weller	20	3	32	1
Smith	10	4	18	0
Stubbs	3	0	15	2
Bell	5	1	20	4
Pearce	15	1	34	4
Hart-Baker	3	1	6	1

ARMY

Second Innings

Lt. Phelps, b.w., b. Pearce	3
Sgt. Giddard, b. Weller	6
Capt. Cliffe, b. Weller	0
Capt. Gourlay, b. Haynes	41
Capt. Williams, not out	64
Lt. Picking, c. Stubbs, b. Weller	0
Col. Cliffe, c. Bidwell, b. Haynes	25
Maj. Jowers, not out	0
Mrs. Shawlow, c. Smith, b. Weller	5
Extras	5
Total	153

Maj. Rowley and Sgt. Kennedy did not bat.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Weller	15	2	32	4
Smith	5	3	7	0
Pearce	0	0	29	1
Hart-Baker	4	0	35	0
Haynes	7	1	45	2

H.K.C.C.

First Innings

J. E. Richardson, b. Gourlay	49
L. D. Kilbee, c. Jowers, b. Kennedy	99
H. A. Pearce, b.w., Gourlay	18
H. D. Bidwell, c. and b. Kennedy	0
F. A. Weller, b.w., b. Kennedy	13
N. Hart-Baker, b. Gourlay	11
C. Bell, c. Jowers, b. Kennedy	38
H. A. Bidwell, not out	10
A. L. Smith, c. Williams, b. Kennedy	36
Extras	10
Total	284

M. F. L. Haynes and A. P. Stubbs did not bat.

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SAINTS DEFEAT CASC BY THREE-ONE

St. Joseph's scored a well-deserved win over Chinese Amateur Sports Club at Causeway Bay yesterday when they won by three goals to one in the replay of the First Round of the Senior Shield and thereby qualified to meet 45 Commando in the Second Round on January 11.

St. Joseph's were without the services of Leung Shuen-chee and D. Leonard came into the team at inside left. The standard of play given by both teams was not high and did not reach the level of the first game when both teams battled for 110 minutes to a three-all draw. It was only in the last twenty minutes or so that any good football was seen and that was when the Chinese were making desperate efforts to equalise being one goal behind.

The defence of both sides was brilliant. Alrosa in the pivotal position for the Saints was a tower of strength and was the main stumbling block of the Chinese forwards. Behind him Lo and Ma were very safe. The latter saved many a dangerous situation with his heading.

Hussain at right half played one of the best games this season. He settled down early and had his winger well checked for the greater part of the game.

On the left Castilho was a hard worker and kept Santos well pried with good passes. Castilho played good ball control and was safe in his clearance.

B. Gossano was also a hard worker and played a great game assisting the defence when pressed and was always assisting the attack when necessary. He opened the game up well and initiated many promising moves.

Leonard, in spite of his long lay-off, gave a very good display. He used his weight to best advantage and sent good passes both to Carvalho and Santos. He had hard luck in not getting with several good placed shots.

Carvalho was not up to his usual form but needed constant watching. He was always a menace when in possession. Alberto Alrosa took a long time to settle

into the attack. Lee Kwok-wai led the attack and this liveread up things for a while and the Saints defence was hard pressed for a time.

Unfortunately Lee Kwok-wai's methods were not beyond reproach and had feeling crisp in among the players. After a few fouls the referee stopped the game and administered a general caution to both teams.

This had the desired effect and the game was finished in a sporting manner.

Just before full time Alrosa made the game safe for the Saints when he cut in from the right wing and scored.

Other matches

At Causeway Bay 44 R.M. Commando registered their first win in the Senior Division when they surprised Royal Navy and won by three goals to one after leading at the interval by two clear goals.

At Sookunpoo Royal Air Force accounted for 45 Commandos by three clear goals, while at the Club ground, Sing Tao had an easy win over Club by eight goals to three.

Mankad withdraws

London, Dec. 27. V. Mankad, brilliant Indian cricketer, has withdrawn from his agreement to play for Castleton Moor, Central Lancashire League club, next season.

Mankad has informed the club that he has been chosen to tour Australia with the Indian team next winter, and if he came to England he would be away from India for about 12 months.—Reuter.

M.C.C. DRAW

Casheira, Dec. 28. Only half an hour's cricket was possible today on the MCC match against the New South Wales Southern Districts which has ended in a draw.

The local side scored only 11 runs for the loss of four wickets. Dick Pollard, Lancashire fast-medium bowler, claimed all four at a personal cost of four runs and took three wickets with few balls.

Yesterday, the MCC scored 165 for eight.—Reuter.

Davis Cup Rained Out

Melbourne, Dec. 27. Completion of the Challenge Round of the Davis Cup tie, in which the United States already have a decisive three-zero lead over Australia, is most unlikely, because the courts have been drenched by heavy rainstorms.

Earlier it was announced that neither Bromwich nor Kramer is playing in the remaining singles now that the final result has been decided.—Reuter.

Fastball

Fastball enthusiasts will be treated to four evenly matched encounters today when Rovers meet Chungwa at 10.30 a.m., followed by Canadian Chinese against the Giants. In the afternoon, at 2.00, Hong Kong Ball Club will play with the Hotshots, and the last game of the day will be between St. Joseph's and Recreio.

In the opener, Chungwa who failed to field a team in their last two fixtures, will no doubt come out in full force to make up the deficit.

The Canuck's battery of Herbie Quon and Kassa Narazin will be the main worry for the Giants. They had limited hard-hitting teams to two or three hits to bring victory to their side before and they may do it again. The Giants, on the other hand, have an all round line-up with an infield that is tight, outfield safe and sluggers.

The best fare will be the match between the pro-war League Champions St. Joseph's and the current leaders Recreio.

The following are today's Fastball fixtures at the Recreio Football ground, King's Park:—

Rovers v. Chung Hwa (at 10.30 a.m.)

Canadian Chinese v. Giants, (H.K. Baseball Club v. Hotshots, at 2 p.m.)

St. Joseph's v. Club de Recreio.

Adelaide, Dec. 28.

Queensland gained a first innings win against South Australia in the Sheffield match which ended today, dismissing their rivals for 296 after their score of 401.

The match was restricted to three days as rain prevented play on the opening day. The feature today was the bowling of Johnson in 26 overs, five of which were maidens, for he had seven wickets for 60 runs. Four of these were clean bowled, two leg-before-wicket and the other caught behind the wicket, where Grout had one other catch and one stumping to assist Christ to get his two wickets for 38. McCool took the other wicket at the cost of 85 runs.

Hammence 49, James 62 and Gibson 50 were the best of the earlier batsmen, James Hammence enjoying a hundred partnership. Three wickets fell for 10 runs at one stage until Standford and Gibson came together in a 107 run partnership.

Then four wickets went for 18 before being caught, and Webb played a merry last wicket stand, Webb keeping the end up while Standford hit out.

Queensland batted a second time, losing one wicket without scoring in the short time available before stumps were drawn.—Reuter.

Other matches

At Sookunpoo yesterday, the Club "A" were no match for the Navy, who have been greatly reinforced by the return of several of their former players and lost by 20-3.

The feature of the game was the quick and clean bowling of the Navy's heavy pack, who were well supported by sure handling and steady running of their out-sides.

The Club tackled well, but were unable to force the Navy onto the defensive for more than short periods. The strong moving of Fluker, ably supported by Parry and Studman brought five of the Navy's tries.

The Club's try was scored by a guest player who snapped up the ball, finding it loose in the Navy "25" and forced his way over between the posts.

Among the Navy forwards, who were always up on the ball were Wood, Barton and Bond, the latter picking a loose ball up and battering his way over the line near the corner flag. The Club as a whole were not impressive and only Castford and Bear could be singled out.

On this showing and bearing in mind that the Navy are at long last at full strength, it is hoped to match them against the so far unbeaten Commandos.

Club "A" No Match For Royal Navy

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Gordon Richards And The Derby

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His mount for the Epsom Classic next June will probably be the unbeaten Tudor Minstrel.

"He is a good colt," said Richards, "and if he goes on well during the winter and runs well in the 2,000 Guineas, then he looks like being my Derby mount."

Now that the English flat-racing season is over the hard-working champion jockey is planning a long holiday. After Christmas at his home at Marlborough, Wiltshire, he will take his family to St. Moritz, Switzerland, for a month. Richards

ball ground, King's Park:—

Rovers v. Chung Hwa (at 10.30 a.m.)

Canadian Chinese v. Giants, (H.K. Baseball Club v. Hotshots, at 2 p.m.)

St. Joseph's v. Club de Recreio.

Adelaide, Dec. 28.

Queensland gained a first innings win against South Australia in the Sheffield match which ended today, dismissing their rivals for 296 after their score of 401.

The match was restricted to three days as rain prevented play on the opening day. The feature today was the bowling of Johnson in 26 overs, five of which were maidens, for he had seven wickets for 60 runs. Four of these were clean bowled, two leg-before-wicket and the other caught behind the wicket, where Grout had one other catch and one stumping to assist Christ to get his two wickets for 38. McCool took the other wicket at the cost of 85 runs.

Hammence 49, James 62 and Gibson 50 were the best of the earlier batsmen, James Hammence enjoying a hundred partnership. Three wickets fell for 10 runs at one stage until Standford and Gibson came together in a 107 run partnership.

Then four wickets went for 18 before being caught, and Webb played a merry last wicket stand, Webb keeping the end up while Standford hit out.

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PROPOSED TERMS FOR FOOTBALLERS

London, Dec. 28. The footballers' struggle for improved wages and generally better terms, which has been waged for a long time by the Players' Union, advanced a further step today when the Football League Management Committee disclosed the recommendations which will be put before a special League meeting in February.

If approved by that meeting, footballers' pay will be immediately increased by £1 a week for those with a basic wage of £5 or over and by ten shillings a week for those under £5.

It will also be proposed that maximum wage be raised from £10 to £11 in winter and from £7-10-0 to £9 during the close season.

There is also the recommendation that the minimum wage clause be incorporated into the League regulations, making a full time professional entitled to £6 in winter and £4 in summer.

Increases if approved will be retrospective from January 1, although the meeting is not until the end of February.—Reuter.

Road Ambushes In Indo-China

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President Ho Chi-minh's residence as well as the central barracks of the Viet Nam National Guards in Hanoi are still guarded by Viet Nam troops despite attacks by the French.

The announcement said Viet Nam workers in Grain Street, near Langbien Bridge, offered stubborn resistance to the French. After exhausting their supply of handgrenades the workers threw stones at the French who took flight. The workers captured one cannon.

French prisoners of war, according to the announcement, wrote President Ho telling him they do not want to fight for the colonial magnates. They complained that they were made to fight against the Viet Nam whereas they were told by French representatives to go to Indo-China to exterminate Japanese fascism.

At Hue, 100 French soldiers were killed in attacks on December 24.—United Press.

Colonial Wars

London, Dec. 28. Commenting on the situation in Indo-China, the "Manchester Guardian" yesterday wrote:

"There are violent Right partisans in Paris who argue that France ought never to have negotiated with Viet Nam. In their eyes the only danger now is that the French authorities will be weak and thus invite discontent and racial hatred to be still more active in those parts of the Empire where today they threaten French prestige and French power."

"But wiser heads realise that as a writer in 'Combat' well puts it, to maintain France's position in Indo-China or anywhere else by violence alone is not the way to maintain France. Colonial wars have been waged in the past by France as by Britain without serious injury to the Empire as a whole. Today a colonial war in any part of either Empire would shake the entire structure."

London, Dec. 27. A Guy's Hospital rugby team is leaving for France on Sunday. The Hospital team will play a match on Dec. 31 and another on Jan. 4.—Reuter.

Tokyo, Dec. 28. Jijitsu, the Japanese art of self-defence, has so fallen out of favour in Japan that for want of patronage Kodokan Hall, the Tokyo training quarters, known as the "Mecha of Jijitsu" has been rented to the Japanese Publishing Association.—Associated Press.

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Home Football Results

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First Division

Arsenal	1	Wolves	1
Blackburn	0	Portsmouth	1
Blackpool	2	Huddersfield	1
Bolton	1	Chelsea	1
Grenford	1	Everton	1
Charlton	1	Stoke City	0
Derby	5	Sunderland	1
Grimsby	0	M'chester U.	0
Leeds	0	Preston	3
Liverpool	1	Sheffield U.	2
M'borough	1	Villa	2

Second Division

Birmingham	1	Spurs	0
Bradford	0	Cherterfield	0
Cowenry	0	Burnley	3
Fulham	2	Bury	0
Manchester	1	Leicester	0
Newcastle	0	Millwall	2
Notts For.	2	Barnsley	1
Sheff Wed.	1	Luton Town	1
Southampton	5	Newport C.	1
West Bromwich	2	Swansea	1
West Ham U.	4	Plymouth A.	1

Third Division South

Bournemouth	1	Notts County	2
Bristol C.	9	Aldershot	0
Cardiff	6	Norwich	1
Falke	1	Manfield	1
Ipswich	0	Leiston	1
Port Vale	4	Brighton	1
Reading	1	Bristol R.	1
Swinson	3	Northampton	1
Torquay	2	Exeter	1
Walsall	2	Southend U.	2
Watford	0	Q.P.R.	2

Third Division North

Accrington	0	Bradford	0
Barnsley	2	Hartlepool	6
Carlisle	1	Gillingham	2
Chester	6	York City	0
Crawley	1	Gateshead	1
Halifax	1	Stockport	2
Lincoln	0	Hull	3
New Brighton	0	Wrexham	1
(postponed)			
Bochdale	2	Doncaster	3
Rotherham	6	Tranmere	2
Southport	2	Darlington	2

Scottish "A" Division

Celtic	2	Hamilton	2
Falkirk	1	Morton	2
Hibernians	1	Aberdeen	1
Kilmarnock	2	Clyde	2
Motherwell	1	Queen's Park	6
Parkhill	1	Q. of S.	2
St. Mirren	1	Hearts	0
Third Lanark	1	Rangers	1

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